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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE PURSUANT  
TO 37 CFR §1.116 REQUESTED

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Applicant(s): HORI, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/988,994  
Filed: November 21, 2001  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD  
Group: 2615  
Examiner: B. Genco

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 16, 2003

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action (Paper No. 2) dated on January 16,  
2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add claims 15-  
23, as follows:

**Claims 1-14 (Now Canceled)**

15. (Newly Added) An image processing apparatus comprising:  
an imaging optical system for forming an image of an object on an imaging